

# SECURE MEN TO TRY PRINCETON MURDER CASE

## CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES FLY FAST AT HOOTCH EXPOSE

HEARING RESULTS IN  
NORTH SIDERS BEING  
HELD FOR TRIAL

## POISON AT \$12 PER

LIQUOR SOLD FOR TOP PRICE, AC-  
CORDING TO WITNESSES AT LE  
RETTE HEARING BEFORE JUS-  
TICE OF THE PEACE GEORGE  
KOENIG.

Oliver Le Rette, East street, taken  
into custody early Sunday morning,  
when it was charged that he was  
illegally disposing of moonshine, was  
brought over to the next grand jury  
under bonds of \$500 when he was ar-  
rained before Judge Koening before  
an afternoon session of the court.  
The hearing was held in the court  
room of the justice of the peace.  
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At the trial yesterday afternoon the  
four young men each testified against  
the pair, alleging that on Saturday  
night they obtained moonshine from  
Mrs. Le Rette. According to the tes-  
timony, both Randolph and White  
were the only ones who entered the  
house and that they were the ones who  
got the moonshine.  
When on the stand Randolph and  
White testified that they went there  
about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, and  
knocked on the kitchen door at the  
Le Rette home. Mrs. Le Rette is al-  
leged to have appeared at the door.  
The two men asked her if they could  
purchase some moonshine. She went  
into the kitchen, which was dark, and  
soon returned with two tin bottles  
of moonshine. Randolph stated that  
after he had eaten the moonshine he  
happened to look at the label. He  
found it was for sale at \$12 per  
bottle, and noticed one of Mrs. Le  
Rette's sons standing there with a  
check in his hands. Mrs. Le Rette  
is then alleged to have a box for \$12  
in payment for the moonshine. She  
refused to pay for it, stating that her son  
hadn't appeared with the check. He  
would have, as that was his intention.  
Randolph further stated that he  
broke one of the bottles at the Le  
Rette home, while the other was  
smashed in Washington Park.

White's testimony was practically  
the same, while Peter and Ernest  
testified that they did not get out of  
the automobile in which they went to  
the Le Rette home and knew nothing  
of the case.  
Mrs. Le Rette, when on the stand  
stated that both Randolph and White  
entered the kitchen at her home with-  
out even knocking and that she was  
awakened by the shuffling of their  
feet on the kitchen floor. Mrs. Le  
Rette said she then got up and went  
into the kitchen, asking the men what  
they wanted and what they meant by  
coming into her home at that time of  
the morning. They are alleged by  
her to have demanded moonshine,  
which, she White stated he was a  
government revenue inspector. She  
further stated that she told the men  
she had no moonshine at that time,  
nor at any time and ordered them to  
leave the house. Randolph, accord-  
ing to Mrs. Le Rette, left the house  
while White grabbed her, threw her  
to the floor and struck her in the  
eyes, causing them to blacken. She  
stated that at no time did she cry  
out moonshine, nor did her husband.  
Her husband, Oliver, was then as-  
ked to take the stand. His story of  
the episode in the kitchen between his  
wife and White was entirely different.  
He stated in his testimony that after  
White had struck his wife he got up  
and found her lying near the door.  
Then again he contradicted himself  
and stated that he entered the kitchen  
before the attack was made.  
Clarence and Martin Le Rette, sons  
of the pair, also took the stand. Their  
stories were different from the rest.  
Not one of their stories fitted and  
were very conflicting, which made it  
necessary for the justice to bind Mr.  
Le Rette over to the grand jury.  
Clarence Le Rette admitted that he

## FIRST STEPS TAKEN TO FORM AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

ENTHUSIASM PREVAILS AS PLANS  
ARE OUTLINED — CAMPAIGN  
WILL BE INSTITUTED TO EN-  
LIST WOMEN IN NEW ORDER —  
APPLY FOR CHARTER.

A woman's auxiliary to the Amer-  
ican Legion will be formed in Ottawa  
as an active working unit of Post  
No. 23. This was decided at an en-  
thusiastic evening held last night in  
the legion club rooms in the Gayety  
building.  
While the attendance was not over  
40, it was a representative turn out  
of patriotic women, all anxious  
to do their bit toward furthering in-  
terest in the organization. Whatever  
was lacking in numbers was made  
up in determination to put the auxil-  
iary over on a firm and lasting basis.  
As a result of a decision reached be-  
fore the meeting was concluded a  
campaign will be waged to enlist  
mothers, wives, sisters and daugh-  
ters of legionnaires, all of whom are  
eligible for membership in the auxil-  
iary's ranks. This will be done be-  
tween now and the time the perma-  
nent organization is effected.

Mrs. Vera H. Woodliff was elected  
temporary chairman of last night's  
meeting, and Miss Hattie Levy tem-  
porary secretary. An executive com-  
mittee composed of all the women  
present last night will make the tem-  
porary officers in making a drive for  
members.  
It was determined that dues for the  
first year would be \$75. This shall  
will be used to cover the expenses  
of a per capita tax levy of \$25 a  
member and costs of operating the  
auxiliary during its first year. By  
keeping the dues down to the lowest  
possible level it was thought that  
the women members of every yard's  
household could join without hardship,  
being asked. An exciting feature  
of the auxiliary will be the compe-  
tition given to social features. In-  
stead for the members, who will be  
given complete use of the legion  
club rooms for all their meetings and  
entertainment.

The charter application was duly  
signed by all the women present and  
will be forwarded at once to head-  
quarters. As soon as the official per-  
mit to organize is received a meet-  
ing will be called by the temporary  
chairman and steps taken to make  
the organization permanent.

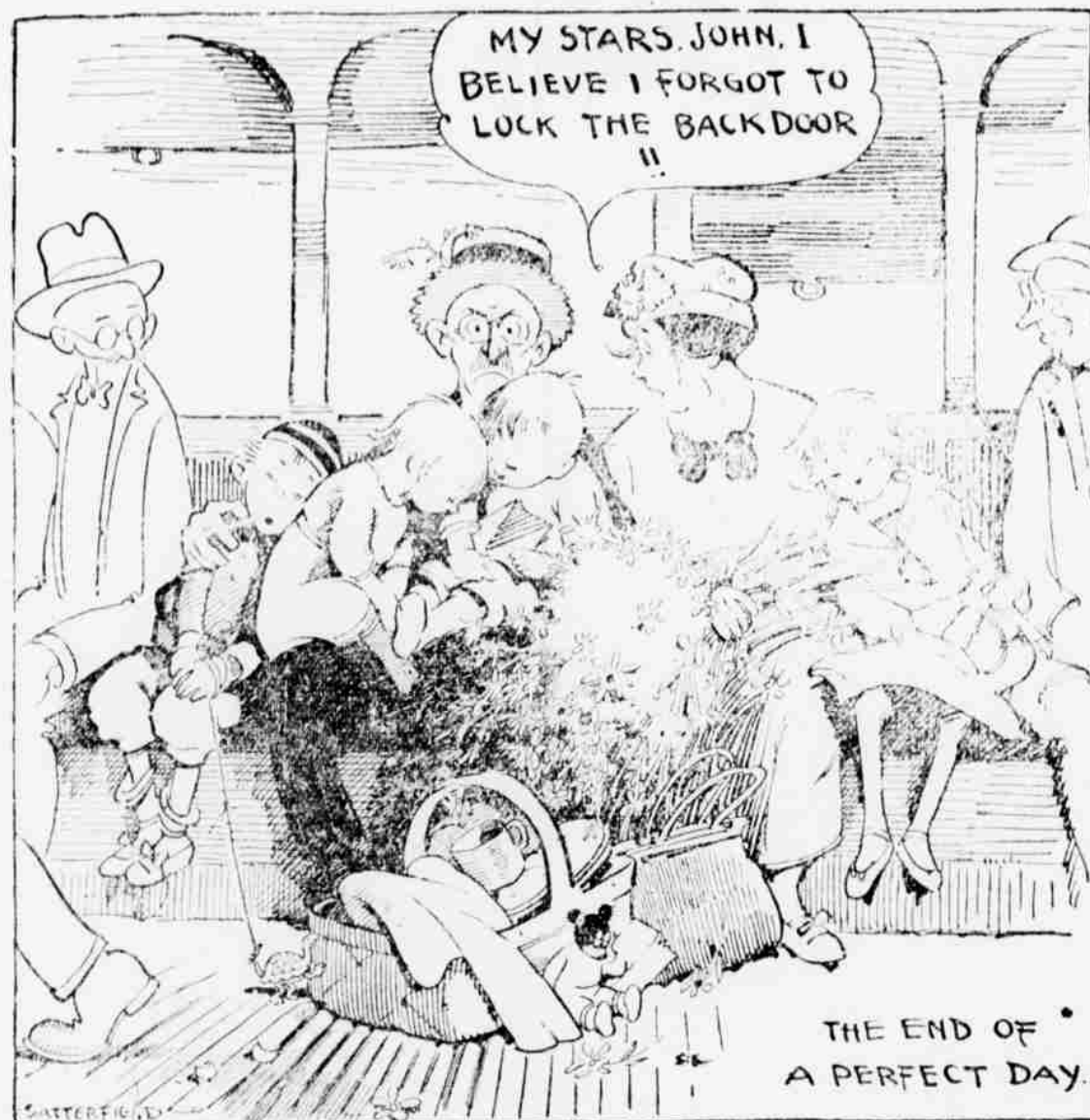
## DOG SINKS TEETH IN BOY RIDING BICYCLE

Lawrence Pritchard, 9 year old son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Pritchard, 617  
State street, was attacked and bitten  
by a vicious dog last night about  
8 o'clock, while riding on his bicycle  
in front of the Barnsworth grocery  
store, corner of State and Center  
streets. What caused the canine to  
attack the young lad is unknown, but  
it is reported that the same dog has  
on previous occasions bit at children  
of that vicinity.  
Young Pritchard had gone to the  
store on an errand and was just about  
to return to his home. As he was rid-  
ing along the dog, which had been  
undisturbed by anyone made a leap  
for the lad's right thigh and penetra-  
ted the skin with his sharp teeth.  
He was attended by Dr. W. S. Parr,  
who stated that the bite was nothing  
more than a flesh wound and that  
nothing serious would result.

## Remark Starved Rock Trail.

A painting crew, headed by John  
Malcolm has been sent out by the Ot-  
tawa Business Men's Association to  
mark the Starved Rock trail, leading  
from Ottawa.

## ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



## REVISE LAW FORCING SCHOOL TRAINING

Rep. Wm. M. Scanlan of Peru has  
returned from Springfield after the  
closing session of the legislature.  
He told today of an amendment to  
the school law which makes it com-  
pulsory, instead of compulsory, with  
boards of education whether they  
have continuation schools such as  
was operated at the La Salle town-  
ship high school during the past  
term.

The new law leaves the question to  
the discretion of the board members  
whether school districts shall op-  
erate such schools. The old law, which  
was to be operative Sept. 1, 1921,  
made it compulsory, but objections  
were raised because in some com-  
munities where expenses for school pur-  
poses come from one fund, the money  
could not be used for such a purpose  
without a vote of the people.

Under the bill, boys and girls be-  
tween fourteen and sixteen, regularly  
employed, are eligible to the school be-  
ginning Sept. 1, 1921, between four-  
teen and sixteen, and between sixteen  
and eighteen, after September 1, 1921.  
This would increase attendance.

Rep. Scanlan also reported the de-  
feat of a senate bill requiring that  
school teachers be required to have  
six weeks' normal training before be-  
ing eligible for first grade certification,  
with six weeks' additional for each  
year from 1922 to 1927.

## REACHES NEW YORK VIA I. & M. CANAL

New York, June 22.—William A.  
Good, who left from Chicago one  
day in the fall of 1919 in a canoe, ar-  
rived at 157th street and the Hudson  
this afternoon and called it a voyage.  
Good, covered 3,000 miles through the  
Hudson, canal and the Illinois  
river, down the Mississippi, along the  
gulf coast and up the Atlantic coast.  
He did not accept a single cent.  
Officers of the Knickerbocker Canoe  
club, whose landing stage was ob-  
jective, presented him with an  
American Canoe Association pennant.

## ERTLE TO BE THIRD MAN IN RING JULY 2

Atlantic City, N. J., June 22.—  
Selection of Harry Ertle as referee of  
the world's heavyweight championship  
contest between Jack Dempsey, the  
holder and Georges Carpentier at  
Jockey City, July 2, is entirely satis-  
factory to Dempsey. The champion  
expressed this opinion today when ad-  
vised that Joseph Cassidy, secretary  
of the New Jersey boxing commission  
would officially announce the selection  
of Ertle before night. Dempsey, how-  
ever, had not dissuaded the situation  
with Jack Kearns his manager, as  
Kearns had not returned from New  
York.

## FILES \$10,000 LIBEL SUIT AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF ARSON

QUARREL LEADS TO CHARGES  
BEING MADE THAT GROCERY  
MAN IN FEDERAL PLATE DIS-  
TRICT BURNED OUT HIS COM-  
PETITOR—SUIT FOLLOWS.

Following a neighborhood quarrel  
which ended last night in the Na-  
tional Plate settlement, Joseph Griz-  
man, a retired grocery store owner, has  
filed a \$10,000 libel suit against his  
neighbor, Knudsen, who operates a gro-  
cery store in the settlement.  
The plaintiff claims that last night  
the defendant accused him publicly  
of being the man who set fire to Knud-  
sen's grocery store and destroyed the  
building about a year ago. Griz-  
man alleges that he has been injured  
by such an accusation and his charac-  
ter has been damaged in the suit he  
has filed.

Grizman resided in a grocery in  
the settlement at the time of the  
fire. Since then he has retired, and  
Knudsen has taken over the grocery  
business.

The fire was discovered on Sunday  
night at 11 o'clock. The store was  
burned and the stock was destroyed.  
A loss of many hundreds of dollars is  
claimed.  
Grizman alleges that he was not  
responsible in any manner for the in-  
cendiarism, and does not know how the  
building became involved. He claims  
that he has always been an honest  
dealer, and demands that he be re-  
habilitated as such. He claims  
that Knudsen furnished a gun during  
the quarrel and that he feared the  
public opinion of the district and is  
embarrassed by the accusation of the  
quarrel.

## PEGGY DON'T HAVE TO APPEAR IN COURT

Chicago, June 22.—Peggy Hopkins  
Jones will not be compelled to leave  
her New York apartment to testify  
in her proceedings against J. Phiboy  
Joyce, millionaire husband, whom she  
is suing for \$100,000 a month alimony  
and \$100,000 attorneys' fees. Judge  
Sabath ruled overruled a motion by  
attorneys for Joyce asking that Peggy  
be ordered to appear in court.

Semite Linguist Dies.  
Philadelphia, June 22.—Dr. Morris  
Jastrow, Jr., 60, of the University of  
Pennsylvania known as an authority  
on Semite languages, died suddenly  
today.

## O. H. S. CLOSES DEAL TO BUY COLE HOME: SUIT IS DISMISSED

Through a settlement reached yes-  
terday between the high school board  
and the owners of the Cole property,  
just east of the present school build-  
ing, the condemnation proceedings  
started in the Circuit Court were dis-  
missed today. By the terms of the  
settlement the owners of the prop-  
erty, Mrs. Clara K. Cole and Sherman  
G. Cole, will deed the land over to the  
school board for a cash settlement of  
\$5,500.

The condemnation proceedings were  
scheduled to be heard before Judge  
Edwards in the Circuit Court to-mor-  
row afternoon. The settlement was a  
result of a compromise on both sides.  
The school board had offered to pay  
the owners \$5,000 for the land and  
buildings on the ground and the Cole  
had offered to take \$5,000 for their  
property. Preparations were being  
made to ask a jury in the court to  
condemn the property and to fix a fair  
market value upon it when the com-  
promise was effected.

The buildings will be demolished and  
the site used for a manual training school  
before the opening of the fall term.  
The new state law compelling com-  
munity to furnish a continuation school  
for all children under 16 who have not  
finished their education, was the  
principal reason for the settlement.

Attorney H. J. Kelly represented  
the school board in their suit.

## MINISTERS WANT U. S. TO LEAD DISARMAMENT

Washington, June 22.—Requests  
for an international conference on a  
reduction of armaments in a petition  
signed by more than 29,000 ministers  
of every faith and presented by a  
delegation from the church peace union.  
The president was quoted as  
saying he hoped to carry out their  
request, although the process could  
not be carried forward as rapidly as  
many would like to see it.

## EXTRA!

## LABOR VOTES FOR BEER AND WINE.

Denver, June 22.—After a stormy  
debate the A. F. of L. convention  
today disposed of the Irish ques-  
tion by adopting a resolution ex-  
pressing sympathy for the Irish  
cause. Irish sympathizers calling  
for a boycott of British goods were  
overwhelmingly defeated.  
The convention voted for a revis-  
ion of the Volstead act to permit  
manufacture of beer and light  
wines.

## 900 TALES MEN ARE EXAMINED BEFORE COMPLETING JURY

Princeton, June 2.—(Special)—Completion of  
the jury to try Mrs. Selma Pierson and Arthur  
Shipp for the murder of the former's husband, was  
accomplished last night  
after more than 900  
talesmen had been ex-

## HUSBAND'S BLOWS, WITNESS ALLEGES, KNOCKED HER DOWN

MARSEILLES WOMAN TELLS  
COURT AT DIVORCE HEARING  
SHE FAINTED AFTER BEING  
KNOCKED TO FLOOR—WINS  
DECREE.

Charging that her husband struck  
her in the face with such force that  
she fell to the floor in a faint, Mrs.  
Eleanora Brown, of Marseilles, was  
granted a divorce from Frederick W.  
Brown in the circuit court by Judge  
Edwards this morning. The couple,  
according to the wife's testimony,  
were married June 13, 1919, in Mar-  
seilles.

Mrs. Brown made many other  
charges of cruelty against her better  
half.

The will of the late Conrad Zim-  
merman, who died at his home in  
Mendota on June 12, was filed for  
probate today. Mr. Zimmerman left  
an estate valued at \$35,000 and con-  
sisting of real estate worth \$25,000,  
and personal property worth \$10,000.  
By the terms of his will which was  
drawn Dec. 1, 1902, his wife, Mrs.  
Katherine Zimmerman, was to in-  
herit his entire estate for her life  
time, after which it was to go to their  
nine children.

As Mrs. Zimmerman preceded her  
husband in death the property is to  
be equally divided between their nine  
children. Mrs. Mary Kelm, of Men-  
dota; John Zimmerman, of Earlville;  
George Zimmerman, of Compton;  
Mrs. Katie Ruer, of Rock Island;  
Mrs. Christine Hoelzer, of Paw Paw;  
Conrad Zimmerman Jr., of Compton;  
Mrs. Anna M. Kaufman, of Mendota;  
Christian Zimmerman, of Paw  
Paw, and Mrs. Anna Herman, of Men-  
dota.

## Peru Men Appeal Fines.

Appeals to the Circuit Court to  
avoid paying fines imposed by a  
Peru justice were taken today by two  
Peru men.  
P. O. H. Chilton was fined \$500  
and costs by Justice J. G. Mischke on  
June 12 for violating of the speed  
law. Chilton is alleged to have  
driven his auto 28 miles an hour on  
the Peru streets on June 12. Mrs.  
Chilton will contest the case thru  
the higher courts.

Frank Schmitz, who was brought to  
Ottawa yesterday, but was released  
before being held in the county jail,  
took an appeal to the Circuit Court  
this morning. Schmitz was fined \$100  
and costs by Justice Mischke, when  
he pleaded guilty to assaulting Thom-  
as Schmeier. Feeling that the fine  
is too severe Schmitz has asked for  
an appeal.

## Boy Defendant.

A petition was filed in the county  
court this morning by Mrs. Josephine  
Wagner, a probation officer of 3800  
for seeking that Carl Jones, aged 15  
years, be declared a defendant. The  
parents of the boy are dead, and he is  
now living with Mrs. Florence Fakes,  
408 S. Vermillion street, Streator, who  
is unable to care for him any longer.  
The petition states:

## Aunt Accuses Nephew.

Andrew Strocks, former Ottawa  
show shining parlor owner, now of  
Streator, appeared in the circuit court  
this morning and gave bond in the  
sum of \$200 with Charles Carlson as  
surety, following his indictment by  
the grand jury last Friday on a  
charge of rape. Mrs. Dorothy  
Strocks of North Ottawa, an aunt of  
the defendant, was the complaining  
witness. She charges Strocks with  
making a criminal assault upon her.  
The indictment was suppressed at  
the time it was returned last week.  
Strocks' friends insist that he is  
innocent.

## General Taylor Dead.

Boston, June 22.—General Charles  
H. Taylor, 75, editor and publisher of  
the Boston Globe died here today.

This morning opening arguments  
were made by both sides. Attorneys  
for the state allege that the woman  
and Shipp, who worked as a hired  
man on their farm, conspired to poi-  
son Pierson, a wealthy young farmer  
residing near here. The defense,  
Pierson died of natural causes, and  
if arsenic found in his body, was  
blameless for his demise, the poison  
was taken by Pierson with intentions  
of committing suicide. Pierson died  
Oct. 22, last.

The case, because of the nature of  
the alleged crime, has attracted wide  
attention throughout the middle west,  
while all of Bureau county is closely  
following every detail with bated  
breath.  
Both sides have their friends. The  
widow, who gave birth to a child after  
her arrest, and Shipp, stoutly deny  
any conspiracy existed to get Pierson  
out of the way to permit of Shipp's  
amorous attentions, being bestowed  
upon the woman without any inter-  
ruption from the husband. The state  
holds that the pair, who had been car-  
rying on clandestine meetings, which  
were brought to Pierson's attention,  
plotted to poison the farmer. In this  
way they hoped to continue their il-  
licit heart affairs without any inter-  
ference from any source.

Pierson was buried several weeks  
before his father demanded that the  
body be exhumed and the viscera ex-  
amined for poison. The chemical  
analysis made of the intestines show-  
ed great quantities of arsenic were  
used to kill Pierson.

Arrests followed and the trial, which  
opened in reality a week ago, is the  
result of that exposure.  
Judge S. C. Shough of Morris is pre-  
siding over the case. Attorneys Jo-  
seph Schmeier of Princeton and Walter  
Panneck of La Salle are representing  
the two defendants. State's Attorney  
Johnson of Bureau county, assisted by  
Jay Spaulding, are prosecuting for the  
state.

## ROTARY HEARS FINE TALK ON WATERWAYS

The Mississippi Valley Association  
and the work it is trying to accom-  
plish were explained by Ora A. Chapin  
in an address delivered before the Ot-  
tawa Rotary Club at noon today.  
About seventy-five men were in at-  
tendance.

He explained how the association  
hoped to improve all the navigable  
rivers leading down the valley and  
to aid the waterway movement.  
Participation are being made for  
holding a big waterway meeting in  
Ottawa on July 12. The Mississippi  
Valley Association will send Edward  
A. Riggs of Chicago to deliver an ad-  
dress at this meeting. Delegates from  
La Salle, Streator, Mendota and many  
other towns will attend this meeting.

The session will be under the aus-  
pices of the Chamber of Commerce.

## U. OF I. STUDENTS PLAN COUNTY PICNIC

The members of the alumni and for-  
mer students of the University of Illi-  
nois are planning a county wide picnic  
which will probably be held at the  
Starved Rock State Park on Thursday  
July 28. All the former students of  
the State U. in the county are invited  
to attend this picnic.

Either George Hoff or Bob Zappke  
will be present to deliver an address.  
A meeting of all interested will be  
held at the Elks Club in this city on  
Friday to complete the arrangements  
for the gathering.  
The picnic committee is composed  
of Arthur Pritchard, Ernest Pool, Dr.  
Ray A. Kerr and John Hanifen.

## BELFAST POLICE ARREST ARMED MEN

Belfast, June 22.—The police in the  
upper falls district of this city, hear-  
ing news in that area today, pursued  
eight men they suspected and cap-  
tured three of them, who were found  
to have ammunition in their posses-  
sion.